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(ख) पुष्पोत्पादन को ग्रस्ट क्षेत्र के रूप में अभिज्ञात किया गया है और विश्व में इसकी बढ़ती हुई मांग का लाभ उठाने के लिए कदम उठाए गए हैं।

(ग) से (ङ) ऐसी सूचना है कि सिंगापुर 1993 तक एक पुष्प नीलामी केन्द्र शुरू कर रहा है। जब भी सिंगापुर में ऐसी नीलामी केन्द्र स्थापित हो जाएगा निर्यातक अपनी उपज को बिक्री करके और बाजार जानकारी आदि द्वारा इसका लाभ उठा सकेंगे।

Trade air Complex in Madras

2722. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up a permanent Trade Fair Complex in Madras city; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken by Government in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) and (b) There is no proopsal to set up a permanent trade Fair complex in Madras by the Central Government. However, Government of Tamilnadu and erstwhile Trade air Authority of India (now known as India Trade Promotion Organisation) had signed a Memorandum of Understanding in August, '91 to promote a permanent trade fair complex at Madras through a joint venture company between erstwhile Trade air Authority of India and Govt. of Tamilnadu. As reported by India Trade Promotion Organisation, Government of Tamilnadu has already identified the land for the project.

Export of Kangra Tea

2723. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some foreign countries have enquired about the availability of Kangra tea for export to their countries;

(b) if so, the names of these countries and the nature of their queries;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government have decided to export Kangra tea in the near future; and

(d) if so, the targets fixed for export, country-wise?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) and (b) Some enquiries have been received for export of Kangra tea to Germany.

(c) Government's policy is to export all tea's including Kangra tea.

(d) No target for export is fixed with respect to origin of the Indian tea, therefore, no specific target of export of Kangra tea has been fixed.

Cases of non-payment of gratuity to ITPO Employees

2724. SHRI SHABBIR AHMAD SALARIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whehter the gratuity to the employees of his Ministry who were transferred on deputation in the year 1970-71 and 1971-72 and subsequently absorbed permanently in Trade Development Authority now ITPO, under the administrative control of his Ministry was not paid to them at the time of their retirement during the years, 1990-91 and 1991-92 due to noncompletion of some formalities both by his Ministry and the ITPO;

(b) if so, the number of such cases with actual dates of retirement and payment of gratuity in each case;

(c) whether Government have recevied representation from the employees for

the payment of interest on the delayed pensionery benefits; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken or proposed to be taken thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) and (b) Only one such case has come to the notice of the Govt. The employee retired on 31-10-90 and grautity was paid in this case on 8-1-92.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The matter is receiving the attention of the Government.

Use of less congested ports for despatch of goods

2725. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has recently suggested to the exporters to avoid the use of congested ports like Kandla and instead use other ports which are less congested for despatching their goods; and

(b) what is the reaction of the exporters to Government's suggestion and which are the ports which can be termed as less congested?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHUSHEED): (a) and (b) On 24th January, 1992, the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) advised the exporters of non-basmati rice to make use of ports other than Kandla due to congestion at Kandla Port.

This restriction was, however, withdrawn by APEDA on 14-2-1992 as congestion at Kandla got eased.

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2726. **श्री राम सिंह राठवा** : क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि उनके मंत्रालय के नियंत्रणाधीन उपक्रमों/संगठनों में व्याप्त भ्रष्टाचार के संबंध में सूचनाएं मिली हैं ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान कितने अधिकारियों के विरुद्ध कार्यवाही की गई है और कितने अधिकारियों को सेवा से बखास्त किया गया है ;

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि भ्रष्टाचार और कदाचारों के आरोपों के मामलों में केवल स्थानान्तरण का दंड ही दिया गया है ; और

(घ) भ्रष्टाचार और कदाचारों में लिप्त अधिकारियों के विरुद्ध कड़ी कार्यवाही करने के लिए सरकार क्या प्रयास कर रही है ?

वाणिज्य मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (श्री सलमान खुर्शीद) : (क) से (घ) जी, नहीं सरकार को ऐसी किसी रिपोर्ट की जानकारी नहीं है । इस मंत्रालय के प्रशासनिक नियंत्रण में एक सम्बद्ध कार्यालय तथा कुछ अधीनस्थ कार्यालयों के अलावा अनेक बोर्ड, स्वायत्त निकाय तथा सरकारी क्षेत्र के उपक्रम हैं । प्रत्येक की एक स्वतंत्र सतर्कता व्यवस्था है । संगत अनुशासनिक एवं आचरण नियमावली के अन्तर्गत भ्रष्टाचार एवं कदाचार की सभी शिकायतों पर कार्यवाही करने के लिए नियत प्रक्रिया है । इस प्रक्रिया का अनुसरण किया जा रहा है और जहां कहीं आवश्यक होता है संघ लोक सेवा आयोग/केन्द्रीय सतर्कता आयोग के साथ परामर्श करके उपयुक्त कार्यवाही की जाती है ।